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SUBJ: DISASTER PREPARATION AND RELIEF ASSISTANCE TO THE  
SOUTH PACIFIC

REF: SUVA 1314 OF 22 NOVEMBER 1976

EA ONLY

FOR NELSON (ANP) FROM IMUS

1. DURING DISCUSSIONS WITH SPEC DIRECTOR MAHE TUPOUNIUA QUESTION OF U.S. ASSISTANCE FOR REGIONAL DISASTER PREPARATION AND RELIEF WAS DISCUSSED. IN DECEMBER 1976, LETTER TO EMBASSY SUVA TUPOUNIUA OUTLINED PLANS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIONAL DISASTER RELIEF FUND AND INQUIRED ABOUT A POSSIBLE U.S. CONTRIBUTION. WHILE NOT COMMENTING ON QUESTION OF CASH CONTRIBUTION, I DID OUTLINE OFFER MADE BY AID'S OFFICE OF DISASTER RELIEF TO INVITE REPRESENTATIVES FROM FIJI, TONGA AND WESTERN SAMOA TO U.S. FUNDED DISASTER RELIEF SEMINAR IN WASHINGTON THIS SPRING AND TO USE THAT OCCASION FOR ISLAND REPRESENTATIVES TO DISCUSS THEIR PARTICULAR NEEDS WITH AID SPECIALISTS IN THIS AREA. HE FOUND THIS OFFER TO BE MOST FORTHCOMING AND INQUIRED IF INVITATION COULD BE ISSUED TO SPEC REPRESENTATIVE AS WELL TO ATTEND SEMINAR.

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2. ALTHOUGH I REALIZE THAT ATTENDENCE AT SEMINAR IS LIMITED, I BELIEVE INCLUSION OF SPEC WOULD BE HIGHLY DESIRABLE GIVEN THEIR EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH A MORE EFFICIENT REGIONAL APPROACH TO THIS QUESTION. INCLUSION WOULD ALSO SERVE AS A GOOD IMMEDIATE POLITICAL INDICATOR OF IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO SPEC'S EFFORTS AT FOSTERING COOPERATION AMONG ISLAND STATES.

AS I HAVE ALREADY DISCUSSED SEMINAR ATTENDANCE WITH GOVERNMENTS OF TONGA AND FIJI DO NOT BELIEVE IT PRACTICAL TO SUBSTITUTE SPEC INVITATION FOR ONE OF THE ISLAND NATIONS. EMBASSY SUVA SUPPORTS THESE VIEWS. REQUEST, THEREFORE, THAT IN COORDINATION WITH ELLERT-BECK YOU SEEK AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE WITH HEAD OF AID OFFICE OF DISASTER RELIEF, GENERAL ANDERSON, FOR ISSUANCE OF FOURTH INVITATION TO SPEC. A REPLY HERE BY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, WOULD BE HELPFUL.

3. SUGGEST YOU ALSO RAISE PROPOSAL MENTIONED REFTTEL WITH ANDERSON'S OFFICE AND SEE IF WE CAN TIE IT IN WITH OUR OVERALL INCREASED ASSISTANCE TO SOUTH PACIFIC PROGRAM.  
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